GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2457
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PRAWN AQUACULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has prepared a Mission Mode Project on Semi- Intensive Prawn Aquaculture;

(b) If so, the details of the projects sanctioned and the expenditure incurred thereon, project-wise; and

(c) The names of the projects which achieved their objectives and projects which failed to do so alongwith the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILALBHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Statement is annexed.

Statement in answer to Farts fb) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2457 for answer on 16.8.2004

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), in the Ministry of Commerce has prepared a Mission-Mode Project on Semi-Intensive Prawn Aquaculture. The details of the project sanctioned under the Mission- Mode Programme are given below: ` `

i) Mission Mode Project on Semi-Intensive Prawn Culture in West Bengal The Department of Bio-Technology sanctioned an amount of Rs. 63.15 lakh for a technology project on Semi-Intensive Prawn Aquaculture in West Bengal. The objective was to demonstrate the techno-economic feasibility of semi-intensive prawn culture in West Bengal. As the project could not take off on account of banning semi-intensive prawn aquaculture in. the-country as per directives of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India and also due to non-leasing of the land identified by the State Government. No expenditure was incurred under the project

ii) Mission Mode Project on Developing Technology Packaging for Scampi Fanning in the Salem District of Tamil Nadu The Department of Bio-Technology sanctioned the project for an amount of Rs. 96.55 lakh. The project was implemented by MPEDA through a Society, viz., Tamil Nadu Freshwater Prawn Production and Research Centre

(TANPARC). The objective of this project was to demonstrate the techno-economic feasibility of scampi culture in the Cauvery belt After, completing four demonstrative crops successfully, the project was wounds . up during March, 2002. This resulted in successful scampi farming in the coastal states. The expenditure incurred under the project was for Rs. 86.61 lakh.

iii)Mission Mode Project on Brood Stoclc/Nauplii Rearing Centre in Andaman & Nicobar Islands The Department of Bio-Technology sanctioned an amount of Rs.-80.65 lakh to MPEDA for implementing the project in 1994. The objective of this project was to establish the technology for tiger shrimp brood stock bank in A&N Islands. This prefect could not be implemented, as the Adman Administration for implementation did not give necessary clearance. No expenditure was incurred under the project.